

**REMARKS**

This Amendment is being filed in response to the final Office Action mailed March 23, 2007. For the following reasons this amendment should be entered, the application allowed, and the case passed to issue. This amendment should be entered as it clearly places the application in condition for allowance, and no new matter or considerations are introduced.

Claims 1-3, 5, and 7-16, 19, and 20 are pending in this application. Claims 1-3, 5, 7-16, 19, and 20 have been allowed. Claims 17 and 18 have been rejected. Claims 17 and 18 have been canceled in this response. Claims 4 and 6 were previously canceled.

***Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 101***

Claim 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed recitation of a use without setting forth any steps involved in the process or features involved in a battery product results in an improper definition of a process or product.

This rejection is moot as claims 17 and 18 have been canceled.

***Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112***

Claims 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because the claim does not set forth any steps involved in the method/process/product.

This rejection is moot as claims 17 and 18 have been canceled.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-16, and 19-20 have been allowed.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter. As only allowed claims 1-3, 5, 7-16, and 19-20 remain pending in this application, Applicants submit this application is condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this amendment should be entered, the case allowed, and passed to issue. If there are any questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite the prosecution of the application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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